



Grüss Gott

Stuttgart Officer and Civilian Spouses Club

January 2003 Newsletter



Dear Members,

I can't believe how fast 2002 went by. I'm sitting here writing this, realizing that our Board year is half over. We've accomplished a lot, but we still have a lot left to do. I would like to encourage everyone to start seriously planning for our Spring Bazaar in March. It is not too early to volunteer to help in whatever capacity you can. This is a HUGE effort and takes the combined force of all our members to succeed. Thanks to the efforts of our Bazaar Chairwoman, Sherri Funk, and her committee, this year's bazaar promises to be bigger and better than ever. We also still need volunteers to help with the Thrift Shop. This is a year around, on-going effort that brings in thousands of dollars each year as well. The Thrift Shop has become a wonderful place to find "treasures" and to lighten the load when it comes time to PCS. We have a wonderful group of volunteers, working under the excellent leadership of the Manager, Julie Ryan, who would love to have you join the "Thrift Shop Family".

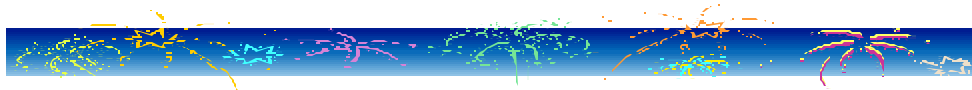
We have some interesting and entertaining programs planned for the remainder of the Board year, including, of course, the yearly highlight, April Crystal Bingo, and look forward to having you join us on the third Tuesday of the month for our functions. Special activity groups are going strong, including Bunco and Book Club. We also have some great spring trips planned, in case you start getting a bad case of cabin fever and need to get away for a while.

The Board is working hard to bring all sorts of opportunities to you, the member and to make our club social, charitable, educational and recreational with something to interest every member.

It is also time to start looking for enthusiastic members to sit on next year's OCSC Board. I can truly say, it is a rewarding experience to be a part of such a dynamic organization, that contributes so much to the quality of life in the Stuttgart Military Community. If you are interested in being part of this winning team, please let me or one of the other Board members know of your interest. We would love to tell you more about the individual jobs available.

In closing, if getting more involved is one of your resolutions, OCSC is a great place to start. I look forward to seeing you at our January function and working with you for the remainder of this board year.

TSCHUSS,
Donni





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Co-Reservations:	Kelly Roth
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Programs:	Vacant
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Newsletter:	Kelley Otto
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Senior Civilian Advisor:	Jennie Allen
6th ASG Advisor:	Iris Stubblefield

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope you are enjoying the newsletter so far. It has been interesting getting the web site going but hopefully it is working smoothly now.

If you would like to make a submission to the newsletter you can email me at ottok@6asg.army.mil. All submissions must be in no later than the 15th of every month. If you have any questions about content policy please feel free to contact me by email or phone 0711-658-6202.

Kelley Otto
OCSC Newsletter Editor

BOARD VACANCY

We desperately need an Operations Treasurer and a Programs Chairperson. These positions are an important part of our board. If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer please contact:

Donni Hodgkins
0711-674-2091

HOSPITALITY

As members of OCSC, we are very important to one another. In light of that, we would like to remember each other on important occasions. If you know of anyone who is ill, injured, had a death in the family, recently given birth, or experienced any other momentous or sad occasion, please let me know, so that I can send a card. Please call Valerie Rydell at 0711-674-0770 or email rydellm@aol.com.

Valerie Rydell
Hospitality Chair



Welcome 2003!

It's another new year and time to look forward to the future. The OCSC has many wonderful and exciting events coming up. Our monthly luncheon/evening functions always prove to be a good time to come together and have some fun. And don't forget about crystal bingo in April.

The third weekend in March we host our Spring Bazaar that will be bigger and better this year. If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet, please do so.

Our volunteers are the backbone of a successful bazaar, and you get to shop early!

Thank you all for coming out to support the Stuttgart community. Happy New Year!

Bonnie Collins

2nd Vice President



Patch Thrift Shop

Patch Thrift Shop Welcomes You!

Ring in the New Year with a resolution to clean out those closets, dressers, and storage areas to make room for new items. Consigning gives you more room and money for new things! The Thrift Shop will be closed Dec. 21 to Jan. 5 and will reopen on Jan. 6. The Thrift Shop will be open on Saturday, Jan. 11. We are located in the lower level of Washington Center and are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, consignments accepted until 1:00 pm. (same hours for the open Saturday dates). For more information call dsn 430-5510/civ 680-5510.

Mary Ellen Lyon

New Year...

New You!

Start the New Year right with the OCSC as we welcome Michelle Saylor from the Wellness Center. She will be sharing with us the importance of eating a healthy diet and getting plenty of exercise.



Date: January 21, 2003

Time: Social hour begins at 6:30 pm

Dinner served at 7:15 pm

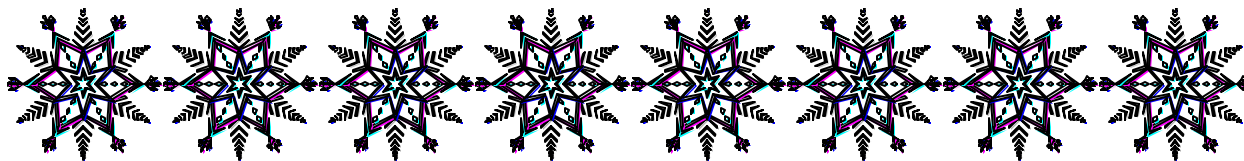
Place: Swabian Special Events
Center

Cost: \$12.95

Menu: Baked Chicken Breasts,
Parsley Potato, Chef's Vegetable,
Salad, and Carrot Cake

Please RSVP to Kelly Roth, 0711-620-4862,
or Londa Gemeinhardt, 0711-120-8461,
gemeinhard@aol.com, no later than January 14th.





OCSC ON-LINE RESERVATION POLICY

OCSC luncheons are held on the third Tuesday of each month except for a few special events which will be appropriately announced. Reservations must be made for all OCSC functions. There may be other events where reservations are necessary. A reminder will be in the monthly issue of the "Grüss Gott" OCSC newsletter. Guests are welcome to attend and are eligible for door prizes and chance drawings, however, International Bingo is for OCSC members only. Infant pre-crawlers are welcome at all OCSC Luncheons.

RESERVATION/CANCELLATION: A committee has been appointed to take reservations. Reservations must be made by Tuesday preceding the event. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness by calling only between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Should you need to cancel your reservation; you must do so before 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the event. **Unless your reservation is cancelled by e-mail or phone before 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the event, you, the OCSC member, will be responsible for paying the full cost of the event.** If the cost is not paid, the member will not be allowed to attend the Bingo event and loss of membership privileges will be enforced until payment is made in full.

To Make Reservations Call or E-mail:

Londa Gemeinhardt 0711-1208461

gemeinhard@aol.com

or

Kelly Roth 0711-6204862



Permanent Reservation Policy:

Permanent Reservations can be made at any OCSC function. To put your name on the permanent reservation list you must pay **\$12** towards your **last** luncheon up front. If you aren't able to attend a luncheon, you must cancel prior to the deadline. If you don't cancel, an email message or phone call will be sent to remind you to pay for your lunch. If you don't send payment for your lunch that you missed prior to that month's reservation deadline, your prepayment will be applied towards your lunch and your permanent reservations will be canceled. If the lunch that you miss is less than \$12 the difference will be considered a donation to the club. This new policy is to help you, the member keep from having to pay for multiple missed lunches!



The 6th ASG Army Family Action Plan AFAP Conference

When: 23 January 2003 from 0800 – 1630
(Light morning refreshments and lunch is provided)

Where: Swabian Special Events Center

Who: Everyone is welcome to participate (all branches of the service, civilians, retired, active duty, spouses, & teens) but **participants must pre-register to attend**. Currently positions are available for Delegates, Recorders, and Issue Support Persons (ISP's). Childcare will be paid for if slots are available. Making the reservations is the responsibility of the participant and the request must be noted on the registration form.

****Issues can be submitted electronically at:** www.stuttgart.army.mil/afap

Participant forms are available at ACS, or you can contact Caroline Orama at DSN 430-7176, CIV 0711-680-7176, or email: oramac@6asg.army.mil, for information concerning the AFAP Conference.

STUTTGART OFFICER AND CIVILIAN SPOUSES' CLUB
TOURS AND TRIPS
Cancellation and Refund Policy

- ?? The Stuttgart Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club (hereinafter, "OCSC") is a private organization whose purpose is to promote charitable, educational, social, and recreational activities among its members and the Stuttgart community. The OCSC arranges tours and vacations to various countries for the benefit of its members and their bonafide guests. When OCSC arranges tours, it acts simply as an intermediary between members who sign up and the travel agency and does not generate any income for the OCSC.
- ?? There always remains the possibility that the tours may be cancelled for various reasons. Each individual tour will have cancellation policies as set by the tour company for each specific tour. Optional cancellation insurance, covering limited circumstances, can usually be purchased for a relatively small fee from travel agencies in Germany.
- ?? The Deputy Commander in Chief, the Chief of Staff, or their designee may cancel a trip prior to the date of departure, for security reasons. The OCSC is not authorized to absorb the cost to any member or guest as a result of any cancellation. OCSC will make every effort to negotiate with the travel agency for maximum reimbursement.
- ?? The undersigned has been advised of this policy and understands that OCSC is on an intermediary and makes no guarantee that a refund will be given in the event of a cancellation.

Printed Name

Signature and Date

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are made on "first-come, first served" basis! *Please note: Your deposit is your reservation!* The deposit amount and the price of the trip will be clearly announced and published.

- ?? Please do not ask the tour chairpersons to reserve you a place/seat without payment. They will say "NO" to your request!
- ?? Your deposit/trip payment is the only way to reserve a place on a OCSC trip or tour.

PAYMENTS AND DEPOSITS

Unless other wise indicated, all payments are to be made in US DOLLARS, cash only and the exact change. Some trips will require you to pay in full at the time of sign up. Extended trips will have deposit and final payment dates. The deposit for the extended trip will be your reservation.

WAITING LISTS

A waiting list will be kept for all filled tours. In the event of a cancellation, those on the waiting list will be given priority in order of sign-up. No payment is necessary to be placed on the waiting list.

REFUNDS

If the OCSC Trips and Tour Chairperson cancels a tour due to an insufficient number of participants all moneys and deposits will be refunded. Refunds are available during OCSC monthly scheduled events. Members must pick up their refunds within 60 days of cancellation. Failure to do so results in forfeiture of refund money

NON-MEMBERS

With the exception of the OCSC member's spouse and children all other OCSC guests will be assessed a \$10.00 non-member fee for overnight trips, and \$5 non-member fee for day trips.

CANCELLATIONS

Any member who cancels their reservation without an eligible replacement may forfeit their payment or deposit. For extended trips, forfeiture of the deposit depends on the penalties imposed by the tour company.

If you buy personal trip insurance, it usually will only cover death, illness or personal injury. Unfortunately, private trip insurance does not refund trip and tour money for deployment, PCS orders or personal emergencies. Members should be familiar with the details of their trip insurance policy. OCSC does not offer personal trip insurance.

The OCSC reserve the right to cancel or change any tour before departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, safety concerns, or inability of the tour company to fulfill requirements of the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Stuttgart OCSC and its members shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss caused by neglect or default of any company or person associated with any tour.

All services, prices and dates are subject change.

Please free to contact the OCSC Trips and Tours Chairperson if you have questions or concerns.

Therese DeSanto
Email:

07157-620-488
Shootcraps@aol.com



CONVERSION CHARTS

Centigrade to Fahrenheit

0	32
10	50
20	68
30	86
40	104
50	122
60	140
70	158
80	176

Fahrenheit to Centigrade

100	38
125	52
150	66
175	79
200	93
212	100
225	107
250	121
275	135

Oven Temperature Conversions

Celsius

Fahrenheit

120	250
125	275
150	300
160	325
180	350
190	375
200	400
220	425

General Measurements

1 centimeter	0.3937 inch
2.54 centimeter	1 inch
1 meter	3.280 feet
1 meter	1.094 yards
1 kilometer	1.61 miles
1 gram	0.035 ounce
500 grams	1.1 pounds
1 kilogram	2.2 pounds

Liquid Measure

.473 liters	1 pint
.946 liters	1 quart
20.573 milliliters	1 ounce
3.785 liters	1 gallon

Dry Measure

.551 liters	1 pint
1.101 liters	1 quart
8.810 liters	1 peck
35.239 liters	1 bushel



If you are traveling over the holidays or anytime, it is always important to know how to call for help. The following list of emergency numbers is important to keep with you during your travels.

Country	<i>Single European emergency call number</i>	<i>Other call numbers (Police, Emergency Services, Ambulance, Fire Brigade)</i>
Belgium	112: Calls answered in Dutch, French or German depending on the region.	101 (Police) 100 (Fire, Ambulance)
Denmark	112: Calls may be answered in Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, English and German.	None
Germany	112: Calls answered in German	110 (Police)
Greece	112: Calls answered in Greek, English and French.	100 (Police) 199 (Fire) 166 (Ambulance)
Spain	112: Calls answered in Spanish and in tourist regions in English, French, or German.	091 (Police) 061 (Ambulance) 080 (Fire)
France	112: Calls at border regions may be answered in English, German and Spanish.	17 (Police) 18 (Fire) 15 (Ambulance)
Ireland	112: Calls answered in English.	999
Italy	112 (Police): Calls answered in Italian and English.	115 (Fire) 118 (Ambulance)
Luxembourg	112: Calls answered in Luxembourgish, German, French and English.	113
The Netherlands	112: Calls answered in Dutch and English.	None
Austria	112: Calls answered in German and English.	133 (Police) 144 (Ambulance) 122 (Fire)
Portugal	112: Calls answered in Portuguese, Spanish, English and French.	115 (temporarily) 117 (Forest fires)
Finland	112: Calls answered in Finnish and Swedish (in bilingual areas).	10022 (Police)
Sweden	112: Calls answered in Swedish, and English. In some areas calls may be answered in German, French, Finnish and Spanish.	90000
United Kingdom	112: Calls answered in Welsh in Wales.	999
Iceland	112: Calls answered in Icelandic, Nordic languages and English (third party translation also available).	None
Liechtenstein	112: Calls answered in German and English.	None
Norway	112 (Police): Calls answered in Norwegian and English.	110 (Fire) 113 (Ambulance)